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My dear Mr Jeremy

Some two weeks since I sent to the Spanish Embassy Mr Thomas's letters under cover to you. Whenever you have time you may send your cash and they will be delivered to you. On looking over the letters I find that part of the money is from a £1000 legacy left to me by my grandfather Mr Jennings. This part naturally seems to belong to me.

The weather is so oppressive and my health more of the strongest that my doctors have persuaded me to pass two months at the Escorial, where you will have the kindness to address my letters.

Lately I have read so much about the Jubilee that I should be glad to know the Queen, while you are kind enough to send me a good photograph.

I enclose you the Life

Life certificate, and with kind remembrances to all

I remain always sincerely Yours
J Keats de Lenoa

My present address
Casa de la Señora de Hoover
Genoa

After writing the above I have just received Mr Sidney Colvin's Volume of "Keats", and by mere chance I cast my eye upon a note of which I send you a copy You will see that my grandfather Mr Jennings left £1000 to us <u>independent</u> <u>of my mother</u>. So this Rawlings could have no right whatever. On the rest of the property my mother had only a life interest, at her death the Capital belong to her children. This grant is also free from any claim on the part of Rawlings

I think you will be of my opinion that I have a just right to the £200 in Chancery and I am quite sure you will do all in your power to serve me, and forgive my troublesome letters.

Can you tell me Mr Colvin's address
as I wish to thank him for his attention

p. 138, note 1.

Keats in this letter proves how imperfect was his knowledge of his own affairs, and how much those affairs had been mismanaged. At the time when he thus found himself near the end of the capital on which he had hitherto subsisted, there was another resource at his disposal of which it is evident he knew nothing. Quite apart from the provision made by Mrs Jennings for her grandchildren after her husband's death, and administered by Mr. Abbey, there were the legacies Mr Jennings himself had left them by will; one of £1000 direct; the other, of a capital to yield £50 a year, in reversion after their mother's death (see p 5). The former sum was invested by order of the Court in Consols, and brought £1550. 7s. 10d. worth of that

security at the price at which it then stood. £1666 13s. 4d. worth of the same stock was further purchased from the funds of the estate in order to yield the income of £50 a year. The interest on both these investments was duly paid to Frances Rawlings during her life: but after her death in 1810 both investments lay untouched and accumulating interest until 1823; when George Keats, to whose knowledge their existence must then have become known for the first time, received on application to the Court a fourth share of each, with its accumulations. Two years afterwards Tommy Keats received in like manner on application the remaining three shares (those of her brothers John and Tom as well as her own), the total amount paid to her being £3375. 5s. 7d. on to George

£1147. 5s. 1d. It was a part of the ill luck which attended the poet always that the very existence of these funds must have been ignored or forgotten by his guardian and solicitors at the time when he most needed them.